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VOLUME 1

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STANLEY VOLUNTEER

FIRE BRIGADE

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During H.E.'s absence two fires occurred in Government buildings both of which were fortunately dealt with without causing any serious damage. This gave me rather a fright and I considered that I ought to make sure that ~~all~~ precautions against fire were ~~made~~ effective so that if a third fire occurred here it would not result in disaster. I discussed the matter with the Chief Constable who has had some experience of Fire Brigade work and also the Superintendent of Public Works both of whom are members of the Fire Brigade Committee of the Town Council. The Chief Constable was very much concerned about the present Fire Brigade Headquarters which he asked me to inspect. I wrote letter 103 to the Chairman Town Council and inspected the Headquarters with the Chief Constable and the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade a few days later. I must say that I was under the impression when I inspected that the letter had already gone but afterwards I found that it had not at that time been typed. The Chief Constable pointed out what was really I suppose a very serious lapse in the Fire Brigade Headquarters. The battery of the fire engine is on perpetual charge and there is a wire leading from the charger to the battery. All scattered around this wire were shavings. Of course if the wire had worn through and there had been a short the shavings would have been very likely to catch and the whole wooden shed and the fire engine might have been burned. Subsequently there was a meeting of the Fire Brigade Committee and after that a meeting of Council. I believe that both these meetings were somewhat stony and eventually the letter 105 was sent. I believe the Chief Constable discussed the matter privately and amicably and finally on Tuesday October the 10th a meeting was held between the Chairman Town Council and the Superintendent Fire Brigade and myself. This meeting was very amicable and helpful and we covered quite a lot of the ground. I think it would be best if the Town Council continued to be in charge of the Fire Brigade and the Chairman agreed that I should formally in answer to his letter ask that the matter be given further consideration.

The following questions were gone into at the meeting - Personnel. There did not appear to be any need for any change as regards the voluntary personnel which now comprise the Fire Brigade. It does appear however that we should very seriously consider again the question of the appointment of a maintenance officer to be in charge of the hoses, seeing that they are dried, etc. This question was brought up before and was turned down on the ground that Council could not afford the payment of an officer and also that it would not be a full time job. It occurred to me and I mentioned it to the Superintendent of Public Works who appeared to agree that we could detail one of our hourly paid officers to be in charge of this job. Presumably it would require a certain number of hours and it would be best if the Council could pay for those hours so that he would definitely be in their employment during those hours. The Chairman appeared to favour this idea but of course he has to be careful that he does not exceed the amount of money that he can afford. As regards the designation for the person to be in charge of the equipment the term handyman/caretaker was suggested. It is noted that the Public Works mechanic looks after the engines and this arrangement should continue.

Other matters regarding personnel that were discussed are as follows: it is now impossible when a fire is taking place to find out who belongs to the Fire Brigade and who does not and it is thought that armbands should be provided. It was suggested that this might be done by the Town Council. The Chairman said we certainly ought to insure the personnel of the Fire Brigade and I think we should go into this. Perhaps we could ask some advice from the Crown Agents. One thing I learnt about the personnel, which I had not known before, is that the present Superintendent and many members of the Fire Brigade were trained by P.C. Jenkins who was experienced at fire fighting and the Superintendent of course gives the training to the other members of the Brigade.

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Equipment - the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade produced the annexed statement of the equipment required. If we are to supply a lot of new equipment I am afraid that it will have to be at Government expense as the Town Council would not be able to afford it. It is suggested however that the Town Council should try to meet all the maintenance charges. The self contained fire pump would certainly be very desirable but I presume that Government would have to decide whether they are prepared to pay £2,000 or whether they would accept the cheaper alternative of £750 + £150. The lining of the fire station with concrete up to a height of six feet would cost £350 and might I think be accepted instead of the £3,000 for a concrete steel fire station. With regard to the sheeting it was agreed that the fire station should really be heated constantly as it keeps the equipment better and also if the lorry gets cold the engine cannot be started up quickly. The initial cost of £75 is not very alarming but really the Council ought to pay for the cost of the current which would probably be rather high unless we could arrange to let them have special terms. The providing of a water supply between the Wireless Station and the Met. Station is a very obvious precaution and this of course might well be met by Government since the Met. Station is controlled by FIDS., perhaps half could be met from Dependencies votes. An estimate would have to be made for the remaining items and a decision could be made as to how much, if any, of the cost should be met by Government.

Another point which was brought up was the difficulty of working in the dark after the street lamps were put out at half past one. I discussed this with the Acting SPED and he has promised to go into the matter with the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade. Somebody from the Electrical Department has to go out and switch off the current in the house when there is a fire and he thinks that the same person could probably turn on the lights. This seems to be something which we should try to do if possible. There are one or two points on the subject of fires which have been dealt with and are not included in the meeting of the Chairman of the Town Council. Adequacy of fire fighting equipment in Government buildings and the knowledge of how to use them by the staff. I have circularized the departments about this and it has turned out that the fire fighting equipment was not in all cases adequate - this is being dealt with. I also raised the question of propaganda and I observed that the Town Council has done some.

17th October, 1961.
RINDM/PH

Fire Brigade calls 1960

Chimney fires

Mar. 29 th Tue.	J. Kipton	12am
May 16 th Tue.	W. M. S. Club.	7.45 p.m.
" 20 th Fri.	Brethens	10.45 a.m.
July 3 rd Sun.	Ms. Hamford	10 a.m.
July 12 th Tue	Ms. Aldridge Brandon Rd.	3 a.m.
Sept. 4 th Sun.	Ms. McGill	7.40 p.m.
" " "	S. Nansen	11.45 p.m.
" 5 th Mon.	Ms. Ferguson	4.30 p.m.
" 19 th Sun.	McDonald.	12.50 a.m.
" 18 th "	F. Lee	7.30 p.m.
" 22 nd Thu.	Globe Mine (rubbish)	9.20 p.m.
Oct. 13 th Thu.	B'cast Studio	9.55 a.m.

Property

Mar 15 th Tue.	Speedwell House.	3.40 a.m.
Oct. 1 st Sat.	Post, Drury St	8.23 a.m.
" 16 th Sun.	Church (Post shed)	3.25 a.m.
Nov. 29 th Mon.	Ajax Bungalow (Post shed)	2.40 a.m.

Camp fires

Mar 15th Tue		
Jan. 25 th Mon.	Mullet Creek	6.20 p.m.
Feb. 7 th Sun.	Brownie's Farm	6.45 p.m.
" 14 th Sun.	Common Rd.	6.15 p.m.
Apr. 24 th Sun	Sapper Hill	6.00 p.m.

<u>Chimney fires</u>	12,	<u>Camp fires</u>	4.
<u>Property</u>	4.		


 J. G. G. G.
 Sept. 6. 12.
 31/12/60.

Fire Brigade calls 1961.

Cherry fires

Mar 12 th Sun.	Mrs J. Kletterer (Pineville St)	6.15 p.m.
Mar. 19 th Sun.	L. Middleton (Neb. Plank)	9.45 a.m.
June 3 rd Sat.	D. Morrison (Fitzroy Rd)	11.30 p.m.
July 15 th Sat.	C.L. Constable's Q's	7.45 a.m.
Sept. 29 th Fri	Mrs H.J. Petalaya (Dario St)	11.22 a.m.

Property

Feb. 6 th Mon.	J. Kletterer (wash house)	2.10 p.m.
Mar. 5 th Sun.	Flats Kaskel	10.56 p.m.
Apr. 6 th Thurs.	Met. Flat Heap	5.40 p.m.
Aug. 13 th Sun.	Nurses Home	7.00 p.m.
Sept. 12 th Tue	Tat Machine (Meady Valley)	10.20 a.m.
Sept 14th		

J. G. Evans
Supt. F.B.
9/10/61

M. L. ...

Stanley Fire Brigade.

A meeting between the Government Standing Finance Committee and members of the Town Council was held at 4.30PM, on Tuesday 28th. April, 1959.

The ^{nee}Following were present: The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Mr. A. G. Dent, -Thompson, the Chairman of the Town Council Mr. R. L. Robson, Council members Messrs. J. Allan Deputy-Chairman, A. L. S. Biggs, J. D. Williams, A. R. Biggs, Dr. R. S. Slessor and Mr. A. Livermore. Finance Committee members Messrs. M. G. Creece, Hon. L. Gleadell & Mr. A. L. Hardy-Superintendent of the Stanley Fire Brigade.

The meeting was presided by the Hon: the Colonial Secretary, who invited all present to have an informal discussion on several matters relating to the Fire Brigade, making it clear at the outset that Government are not anxious to assume responsibility for the supervision of the Fire Brigade, and requested that the Superintendent put forward his main problems.

The Superintendent stated that the recent fire which took place at the Secretariat had the advantage of favourable winds and tides, and also the fact of the building's close proximity to the sea front, otherwise he thought that this building would not have been saved. In wishing to bring the Fire Service up to-date he recommended:

- 1) A permanent Caretaker
- 2) Hydrants to be lifted and cleared.
- 3) A Fire Box for each hydrant, and sufficient hose lengths to reach from box to box.
- 4) Stand-pipes and connectors for each hydrant.
- 5) Fire extinguishers and refills.
- 6) 2 Water Tanks (one in the vicinity of Hodson Villas and one between Meteorological & Wireless Station.)

Finally he suggested that:

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- a) The Engines had not been overhauled after the recent fire., and,
 - b) Council had no money to finance any of his recommendations.

Each point was then dealt with separately:

Mr Livermore advised those present that as far as he knew there were no hydrants buried but if this was the case he would undertake to clear the hydrants to the level of the footpaths and have them painted white.

Mr Creece suggested that this work be done by a Caretaker, and felt there should be a permanent man for this job. Both the Hon: Colonial Secretary and the Chairman of the Town Council, agreed.

The Superintendent pointed out that all the existing hose should be renewed, the new hose to be fitted with instantaneous couplings.

Dr. Slessor mentioned that 4 miles of hose would be required.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary recommended that action be taken in this respect and enquiries to be made as to costs of hose, stand-pipes etc.

The Superintendent suggested that all fire extinguishers should be uniform and after discussion it was agreed to order a light standard type.

The question of the suitability of having water tanks for fire protection was discussed and as it was agreed in principle that these were necessary it was finally decided that enquiries should be made for the tank which is at present being used for fuel storage at Albermarle.

It was agreed that any major repairs to engines should be serviced by a garage.

The Superintendent recommended a practice to be held monthly. At present he did not see how this could be done. There was nobody or anywhere to dry out hose.

Livermore undertook to do this work provisionally and offered to erect a mast (within fifteen days) to dry out hose. The site agreed for the erection of the mast was the N. West corner of the Town Hall.

Maintenance Officer. Members of Council were not in favour of engaging a full time Maintenance Officer. It was felt that the work did not justify the services of a full time man.

The Superintendent maintained it did.

Mr A.L.S. Biggs & Dr. Slessor, suggested that ~~the~~ necessary work could be undertaken by the Public Works Department, and the job, paid for by Council.

It was finally agreed to obtain the services of a full time Maintenance Officer in view of the Honourable Colonial Secretary's promise that Govt. would consider increasing their annual grant to Council for this purpose.

Mr Williams then asked the Honourable Colonial Secretary if Government would consider taking over the Fire Brigade as this was one of the services which were handed to council with no sources of revenue to finance it. Rates would have to be increased considerably. He also stated that the Fire Engine Sheds were in a very bad condition and in urgent need of repairs.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary did not favour Government taking over but offered to meet the capital cost of Fire Brigade requirements and asked the Town Clerk to give him the figures on recommendations agreed to at the meeting.

Mr Robson asked Mr Livermore to assist the Stanley Fire Brigade until a full time man is engaged.

The Superintendent offered his verbal resignation to the Chairman of the Town Council and asked the Colonial Secretary that Government consider the introduction of a sprinkler system for the new Secretariat building.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm.

D. J. Curry
Town Clerk.

29.4.59

STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,



TC10/39.

6th February, 1962

Sir,

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I am directed to thank you for your letter, 0594/II of 2nd February, 1962, and inform you that, at a meeting of the Town Council on Monday, 5th February, 1962, members revised the list of Fire Brigade requirements to be undertaken by Government and were unanimously agreed on the following points.

- (1). That a self-contained fire pump and portable fire pump with three beach ramps are both necessary.
- (2). That the present fire station building, properly water-proofed and generally repaired, would be adequate. A new fire station is not necessary.
- (3). The Supt. of Power and Electricity had advised that heating of the fire station by electricity would not be an economic proposition and members felt that the repairs mentioned in (2) would counteract dampness of the building.
- (4). That a natural supply of water between the Wireless and Met. stations is a good idea but subject to investigation. Members suggest that a Braithwaite tank, purchased from Ajax Bay, would be a suitable container.
- (5). That repairs to the reservoir near the hospital should go ahead but the estimated figure of £50 for this work is an optimistic one.
- (6). That the maintenance/officer and caretaker/handyman need had been satisfactorily met.

The assistance asked for from Government will now read as follows:-

Self-contained fire pump and equipment.	£2,000
Fire pump (portable).	£ 750
Beach ramps 3. 1-E, 1-C, 1-W.	£ 180
Fire Station - waterproofing and gen. repairs.	?
Water supply (natural) between Wireless and Met. Stations.	£ 150
Repairs to reservoir near hospital.	£ 100

I am,
Sir,
Yours obedient servant,

A Hall

Clerk to Council.

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*replied at 137
see 139.*

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STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,

10th January, 1963.

TC/10.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you, that during the meeting of the Council held on Monday 7th January, 1963. matters concerning the Fire Brigade were discussed, members unanimously agreed that Government should take over the running of the Brigade.

With a suggestion that the Police Force could oversee the work and maintenance of engines, hoses etc.

I am,
Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Race
Clerk to Council.

The Honourable
the Colonial Secretary,
Secretariat,
STANLEY.

Ack'd
B 12/1/63

Reply at 14:1

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A discussion was held with the Chairman Town Council, the Chief Fire Officer Mr. Evans and S.P.W. on various subjects particularly the care and maintenance of fire fighting equipment in Government buildings. Mr. Evans pointed out that ordinary minimaxes have to be inspected every three months and require to be refilled every year, that the foam machines have to be inspected every 12 months and refilled, the new CO 2 implements have to be inspected and have their nozzles cleaned every three months. None of this is being done now and it will take a great deal of time to do it especially at first since all the equipment has to be inspected as soon as possible. It also transpires that although we have arranged for the P.W.D. to look after the actual pumps for the fire brigade the hoses and couplings are suffering from want of regular maintenance. The answer appears to be that there is really enough work for a man full time. At first it was suggested Government should pay two thirds of the salary and Council a third. But later on in the discussion the Chairman suggested that it would really be more satisfactory if Government took over the whole fire service since the Council are now dependant on Government for money and work for it. The Chairman suggested that the Council should make some contribution to Government. It was realised that there was much to be said for this and the Chairman said he would discuss it in Council.

2. As regards the method of checking up equipment there will be a card which will be marked up when the equipment has been inspected and passed and the head of Department or other officer deputed should see that this is being done.

3. Other points which were dealt with were as follows:- It was considered that Mr. Henry Luxton the Postmaster, himself a captain of the fire brigade, should be responsible for the fire arrangements in the Town Hall. It was also considered that some officer might be appointed for the Secretariat. Mr. Evans also promised to attend some day to give instruction in the use of the fire fighting equipment and it was felt that there ought to be a practice so that people would know what to do if a fire occurred.

8th January, 1963.

RHDM/TB
Original in 2138.

22nd January,

63.

Madam,

145 I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your TC/10 and to state that the matter referred to in the first paragraph will receive careful attention. With regard to the matter referred to in the second paragraph I should be grateful if you could let me have further particulars with regard to the exact work which you consider the Police could do. If, however it would be more convenient I could request the Superintendent of Police to discuss the matter with the Chief Fire Officer in the first instance with a view to exploring any ways in which the Police could help.

2. Since our recent discussion a further question has arisen. During the fire on the night of January the 16th - 17th flames were observed by the Police Constable on duty who wished to sound the Police siren and to have the main siren sounded. The principle in force that the siren should only be sounded on the instructions of the Chief Fire Officer were however obeyed and I am informed that this resulted in a delay of many minutes before the siren was sounded. This matter has, I am aware been considered before and it has been considered desirable that there should be some check on frivolous or mistaken fire alarms. It is however, I think a matter for consideration whether authorisations should not be given to sound the alarm on information being given by a Police Officer. I do not think that such a modification of the present instructions could possibly lead to unnecessary soundings of the alarm and it might save delay which of course in some circumstances makes all the difference.

I am,
Madam,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) R. H. D. Manders

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Town Clerk,
Stanley Town Council,
STANLEY.

RHDM/TB

Copy to the Supt. of Police.

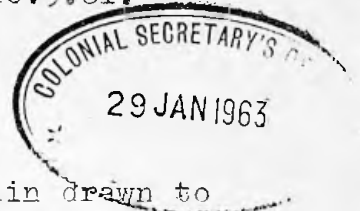
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not aware
replied re Police
29/1/63

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BU 15.2.63

Reply at 144

Stanley Fire Brigade Notice.
Fire Alarm.



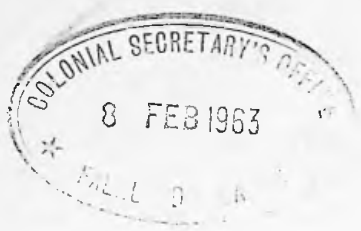
The attention of the Public is again drawn to the procedure of the fire alarms.

1. The Telephone operator should be informed of the nature of the fire; the building; and the street.
2. Having obtained this information the operator will, if the call is considered urgent, sound the fire alarm or the Supt, Fire Brigade or the Assistant Supt, will immediately be given the information.
3. Once the alarm has been sounded a Broadcast announcement will be made and all Officers of the Brigade will be informed.
4. The General Public are requested to assist the operators, by not passing calls, unless of the most urgent nature, for at least a period of 15 minutes after the alarm has been sounded.
5. It will be appreciated if all traffic would exercise the utmost care and not hamper the efficiency of the Fire Brigade.

M.Evans.
Supt. Fire Brigade.

copy to SP
✓ 2/11 31/1/63
or 30/1/63

BU 15.213 (R 147)



STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,

..2th..February,..... 19.63.

TC/10.

Sir,

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With reference to your letter 0594/11 of the 22nd January, 1963. I am directed to inform you that during the recent Council meeting, matters concerning the Fire Brigade were discussed. Members agreed that the Police Force could probably oversee the work of a handyman and also keep a check on fire boxes etc., with the Chief Fire Officer still running the Brigade. Members are also in agreement with the Superintendent of Police and the Chief Fire Officer meeting to discuss the matter further.

I am,
Sir,

Your obedient servant.
Reise.
Clerk to Council.

The Honourable,
the Colonial Secretary,
Secretariat,
STANLEY.

W. H. S. 51

See 157

SP

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Please see papers from 145

Could you please discuss with
Chief Fire Officer.

I won't do anything about the
appointment of the maintenance officer
or about taking over till I

hear from you again

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H.C.S.

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These papers have been discussed with
Chief Fire Officer.

It was agreed that Police would be
prepared to accept the responsibility for
the supervision of maintenance equipment
and the work of person appointed to do this.

Further, it is suggested that one P.C. undertake
the maintenance when off duty and become
eligible for full hourly rates. P.C. Peck has
he would accept the appointment.

I think this would ^{be} a satisfactory arrangement
which would ensure close co-operation Po
Fire Services.

R.W. Gray
Supt.

152.

H.C.T. Maintenance of fire equipment has been unsatisfactory. This is discussed at para 1 of 146.

Proposed at 151 seems a good one. It is impossible to say how many hours work will be entrusted; I should think a lot at first and less as things get more in order.

Would you recommend payment at hourly rates?

I think the question of compounding it and paying a lump sum might be considered later when we found out how many hours it would take when everything was in order.

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1/3/63

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H.C.S.

Yes provided time worked can be certified by A.P.

L.E.
5.3.63

154.

S.P. can carry do 70?

S.P. 8/3/63

155.

H.C.S.

Yes. This would be done on appropriate time/work sheets as advised H.C.T.

Sluf. 11/3/63

G. S.

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Please see 145, 146 & 151.

I have since spoken to Chairman T.C.

He is awaiting our proposals. If this arrangement comes into force it is possible that the Council may not feel their suggestion to hand over to Fire Brigade.

I am not sure that it makes a great deal of difference whether the T.C. runs the Fire Brigade with contributions from us or vice versa.

If G.S. approves these arrangements, I can have them to the T.C. and when asked by Council can provide hand in all of the papers and when if a satisfactory agreement is reached over this matter may wish to have the matter of handing over the Fire Service to Government.

15/3/63

RF
15.3.63
OR

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STANLEY FIRE BRIGADE.

Calls during the year 1964.

CHIMNEY FIRES.

January 21st Tuesday 11.15.a.m. - 11.45.a.m.
Harvey, Kings Street.
Slight.

February 16th Sunday 5.p.m. - 5.45.p.m.
Betts, Fitzroy Road.
Very Dangerous.

March 8th Sunday 8.52.p.m. - 9.20.p.m.
Duncan, Drury Street.
Slight.

March 27th Good Friday 11.30.a.m. - 12.a.m.
German Camp.
Serious.

May 7th Thursday 12.55.p.m. - 1.40.a.m.
Peck, Fitzroy Road East.
Very Dangerous.

May 16th Saturday 4.45.p.m. - 5.15.p.m.
Burns, Davis Street.
Dangerous.

June 1st Monday 9.45.p.m. - 10.05.p.m.
Campbell, John Street.
Slight.

June 27th Saturday 9.05.p.m. - 9.35.p.m.
Martin, John Street.
Very Dangerous.

August 16th Sunday 3.15.p.m. - 3.45.p.m.
German Camp.
Slight.

September 1st Tuesday 4.25.p.m. - 5.p.m.
Reive, Drury Street.
Very Slight.

September, 16th Wednesday 10.10.p.m. - 11.30.p.m.
Jones, Davis Street.
Very Dangerous.

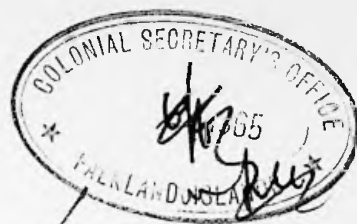
September 17th Thursday 5.10.p.m. - 5.50.p.m.
Andersen, King Street.
Very Dangerous.

September, 22nd Tuesday. 7.50.a.m. - 8.10.a.m.
Binnie, Davis Street,
Very Serious.

October, 23rd Friday 6.30.p.m. - 7.p.m.
Browning, Davis Street.
Slight.

October, 26th Saturday 6.p.m. - 7.p.m.
Ferguson, Fitzroy Road,
Slight.

December 26th Saturday 2.p.m. - 2.40.p.m.
Mills, Ross Road East. Dangerous.



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May 7th Thursday, 12.55.a.m. - 1.40.p.m.

W.G. Peck, Fitzroy Road East.

Kerb, Mats and Front of Fireplace.

August 28th Friday 8.50.p.m. - 2.45.a.m.

Power House.

Flooding 2 pumps used.

September 10th Thursday 2.10.p.m. - 2.45.p.m.

F.I.C. Smithy.

Oil fired unit and Boiler.

October 15th Thursday 8.55.p.m. - 9.15.p.m.

Snake Hill and Cemetery Cottage.

Grass Land Fire.

Note 17 Chimney fires and 3 others.

Throughout the year the Self- Contained Unit has been on all calls, and the Crew has carried out several practices, and can be considered very efficient.

M.Evans.

Supt. Fire Brigade.

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It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



MEMORANDUM

4th October 1966

The Actg. Colonial Secretary,

Secretariat,

STANLEY.

Supt. Power & Electrical Dept.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Stanley Fire Alarm System.

I refer to your enquiry by telephone of the effectiveness of the audible fire alarm system in Stanley and your request for suggestions on possible improvement.

There are three operating sirens in Stanley these are situated at the Power Station, Police Station and F.I.C. Garage, all are remotely operated from the Telephone Exchange by the Telephone Operators. There is a fourth siren without remote control, situated at the eastward end of Brandon Road, this siren is hand operated or switched and in consequence there is some delay before it is sounded.

The Stanley area is well catered for by the remotely operated sirens. The built up area west of Government House has no siren within hearing and in consequence is not always alerted.

In view of the above it might be advisable, if the Officer in charge of the Fire Service agreed, to transfer the Brandon Road siren to a position on a power line pole a little to the west of Sullivan House and remotely control it as with the other sirens from the Telephone Exchange.

This Report as requested by you should be verified as accurate by the Officer in charge of the Stanley Fire Brigade before any action is taken.

Supt. Power & Electrical Dept.

To be discussed by T. Council at next meeting (7/11/66).

B. U.

~~8/11/66~~
18/11/66

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STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

TC/10

.....8th November..... 1966..

Dear Sir,


Regarding your enquiry about the possibility of removing the siren presently situated on Brandon Road and installing it at a point west of the monument, Council have obtained the views of the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade on this subject.

The Fire Brigade are opposed to installing the siren west of the monument, since no members of the Brigade live in that area, and it is considered desirable to decrease rather than increase the number of spectators at a fire. Instead, they plan to move this siren to the top of Philomel Hill, as another unit in the series of sirens which are triggered from the telephone exchange.

Although Council appreciate the security aspect of the situation, I am directed to inform you that, in this instance, they feel the wishes of the Fire Brigade should have priority.

I am,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,


Town Clerk.

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S.P.E.

The Honourable, the Colonial Secretary,
Secretariat,
Stanley.

I think the Council have a very good point at x. What are your new views: of ans?
Si

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C.S.

As you may be aware the purpose of the siren alarm is now twofold. a) A continuous note for fire. b) An undulating note for defense. H.E. first broached the matter, having regard for the latter purpose most likely. What Supt. Fire Brigade says is of course true. I suggest that if for defense purposes a siren is needed in the west area, then as the F.B. are allowing the use of their for defense purposes, (actually to the best of my knowledge they were never asked), then Government might contribute by purchasing an additional unit.

DJ.

P.S. As counterpoint, would it not

12-11-66.

be advisable to drop the T.C. a note telling them that the sirens have been modified to give the above sounds. HJ.

17th November,

66.

Dear Town Clerk,

During the recent incident the Defence Committee ordered that local sirens should be adapted to give both a plain note (for fires) and a warbling note (for defence and internal security).

It has just been brought to my attention that the fire sirens are the property of your Council, which is responsible for their care and maintenance, and further that you were not consulted about the adaptations.

I tender my apologies for this oversight which was not, I assure you, deliberate. Let us say that pressure of events was the cause of the happening.

The officer in charge of the Fire Brigade has accepted my personal apology and understands the situation. He has expressed no upset.

I hope you will accept this explanation.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. THOMPSON

COLONIAL SECRETARY

The Town Clerk,
Stanley Town Council,
STANLEY.

IM.

RU 25.11.66
5.12.66

22nd December

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Dear Sir,

After much consideration of the views expressed in your letter of the 5th November I regret that the need for some form of alarm to alert the western end of the now very much extended Stanley, including the vital tele-communications receiving centre, and the tracking station, is overpowering.

The Defence Committee therefore proposes to invite the Legislature to provide the necessary funds for the installation of an additional alarm, and I have asked the Superintendent Power and Electrical to discuss this further with yourself and the Officer in Charge of the Five Brigads.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) W.H. Thompson

COLONIAL SECRETARY

The Town Clerk,
Stanley Town Council,
STANLEY

PA

1st April, 1968.

This is to introduce Mr. W.C.J. Clapp who is an Executive Officer of the Falkland Islands Volunteer Fire Brigade and who is on leave in the United Kingdom.

I shall be extremely obliged for any assistance you may give him.

He is particularly interested in the handling of the Firefly, or similar, foam fire fighting unit.

In a Colony as small as this we unfortunately have no Fire Brigade training facilities.

(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

Fire Brigade Authority,
Exeter.

SC

1st April, 1968.

This is to introduce Mr. P.G. Summers who is an Executive Officer of the Falkland Islands Volunteer Fire Brigade and who is on leave in the United Kingdom.

I shall be extremely obliged for any assistance you may give him.

He is particularly interested in the handling of the Firefly, or similar, foam fire fighting unit.

In a Colony as small as this we unfortunately have no Fire Brigade training facilities.

(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Pa

Fire Brigade Authority,
Slough.

SC

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MEMORANDUM

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



1st December, 1969.

To: The Colonial Secretary.

From: Officer in Charge of Police.

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Payment for persons engaged in fire-fighting.

On the night of Sunday, 16th November, 1969, a fire occurred in the point south of Whale Bone Bay. With the wind in the north west, it was in danger of it spreading throughout the Canopus Hill area. I requested the assistance of the Fire Brigade, two Special Constables, and the Duty Section of the Royal Marines, to assist in extinguishing the fire. It was not until 4.am., on Monday, 17th November, that the fire was brought under proper control all returned to Town at 4.45am.

I understand from the P.W.D., that Terence Summers, and C. Harrison, were not payed for the Monday morning as they had not 'clocked in'. As they had been engaged fire fighting all night long, I told them to turn to in the afternoon.

Summers is a Fire Brigade Member, and Harrison a Reserve Constable. Other persons engaged fire fighting, were monthly employed so did not loose any pay. Can money be found to pay these to young men.

There is a risk of more fires occurring in the area of the Peninsular so perhaps this problem can be sorted out now to prevent a future incident from occurring.

[Signature]
O/c. Police.

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C.T.

? May I have your advice upon the point of principle raised by O.J. Ploss at p. 183, where duty paid staff called out on emergency duties stand to lose a day's pay by so doing. It may be that we already have a system, unknown to me, for dealing with this situation.

C.S.

I am advised that when Fire Brigade members leave their employment to answer a call the employer does not withhold payment for the period of absence. It could be argued that the absence on this occasion was genuine and payment made accordingly. L.P. 11/12/60

C.T.

This won't work because SPO has no
 idea to which he could charge their wages. This
 situation arises in respect of daily paid staff only,
 of course.

J
 19/12/69

C.S.

My information is that the daily
 or hourly paid staff are called to Defence
 Force or Fire Brigade practices etc. Their
 wages for the period of absence is charged to
 the rate from which they were being paid
 when the call was made. P. P. W.
 must be aware of this.

L.G.

19/12/69

23rd December,

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To: Superintendent of Public Works.

From: Colonial Secretary.

Copy to Colonial Treasurer.

Payment for persons engaged in fire-fighting.

I am informed by the C.I.C. Police that two members of your staff, namely Mr. E. Summers and Mr. C. Harrison were fire-fighting outside Stanley on the night of 16th/17th November and that those fighting the fire in question did not return to their homes until 4.45 a.m. Consequently Mr. Summers and Mr. Harrison did not clock in for work with S.P.W. on the morning of Monday, 17th November and, being daily paid, forfeited a day's pay. This situation does not arise in respect of persons on the Permanent and Pensionable staff.

² I understand that the normal practice is that daily or hourly paid staff called to Defence Force or Fire Brigade duties (including practices) are paid wages for the period of their absence charged to the vote from which they were being paid when the call to duty was made; and I understand that this practice is well established. In the circumstances there would appear to be no need for me to give a specific ruling. I shall be glad to have S.P.W.'s observations.

Reply at 187

J. A. Jones
Colonial Secretary.

By: 7. 1. 70
(reply)

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It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

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24th. December, 19 69.

To: Colonial Secretary,

From: Superintendent of Works, P.W.D.

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Fire Service Payments.

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Reference your Memo 0594/II of 23rd. December, 1969.

The practice of paying wages to Defence force and Fire volunteers (hourly paid) while on call to duty is still in force and is honoured at all times by this department, but the unfortunate incident that has caused complications was something that happened which only the O i/c Police was aware of.

The department was completely in the dark as to whom the O i/c Police took out with him on a Sunday night. The men affected were not employed at that time by P.W.D. and there was no vote to refer to.

The time Clerk was perfectly in his rights to book the time showing on time cards, and from all accounts they were absent. The O i/c Police is not in a position to grant concessionary rights to P.W.D. employees without us having even the slightest knowledge of what took place, until it was too late.

I venture to say that they should be paid, but to what is the difficult question. No-body appears to have a vote to cover miscellaneous fire fighting outside of normal working hours, they must first be assigned to a task to be paid against it.

The O i/c Police as fire chief should in future ensure that any men from another department affected in this manner should be properly catered for by notifying the head of department concerned; perhaps then their time could have been booked to the task they would have normally been booked to.

If this is agreed in general, we will do that now in the case of Mr. T. Summers and Mr. C. Harrison.

See 188

Supt. of Works.

059A/II

5th January,

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To: Officer in Charge of Police

From: Colonial Secretary

Copy to Superintendent of Public
Works.

Payment for persons engaged in fire fighting

In order to avoid all possibility of confusion in future I shall be glad if you will arrange, on any other similar occasion involving fire fighting, to notify as soon as possible after the start of work on the following day, the head of any department which may have had daily paid members of its staff engaged in the fire fighting. There will then be no procedural difficulties about arranging for wages to be paid to such persons.

J. A. Jones
Colonial Secretary.

Superintendent of Public Works.
(for information ~~only~~)

Reference your memorandum 24th December, 1969.

I shall be glad if you will now proceed as proposed in your last paragraph.

JML

J. A. Jones.

UNCLASSIFIED

8 April 1972

G F Kinnear Esq
Atlantic and Indian Ocean Department
FCO
London SW1

1. Ted Clapp, the local manager of BAS, acts as the Stanley Town Council Fire Superintendent and, as such, will be in attendance at the temporary air field when it comes into operation later in the year. His air field fire security knowledge is restricted to naval air fields or aircraft carriers and is rather out of date, and it would be invaluable if he could spend a few days visiting a small or medium commercial field when he is back home on leave in the summer.
2. Any field in the southern counties would be suitable for Clapp to visit and the Falkland Islands Government will be responsible for subsistence and any out of pocket expenses incurred. Clapp is due to arrive back in London at the end of April and he would like to make the visit, if it can be arranged, some time during the second week in May. I would be grateful if you could ask the ODA (or possibly the DTI) whether such a visit could be laid on for Ted Clapp.
3. Incidentally, Clapp will probably drop in to see you during his leave as he has one or two other matters to discuss with you. He can always be contacted through the BAS office in London.

E.G.

E G LEWIS

lost / see / your file

*E.G.
A.H.M.*

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25 May 1972

to: CIAPP

From: GOVERNOR

The design of the temporary airfield has been changed and the strip is likely to be 800 metres in length and not 650 as originally suggested. This being so it is probable that LADE will go straight for a Fokker Friendship F27 operation beginning in November. Full details of payload etc are available in Rendel Palmer & Tritton's report which you should, in any case, have a look at.

ML

RG

STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL.

Falkland Islands.

11th. October. 1972.

The Colonial Secretary,
Secretariat,
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that at a meeting of Stanley Town Council held on 3rd. January 1972, the subject of Fire Fighting in relation to the regular Land Plane flights was discussed.

Council felt they were not responsible for the equipment to attend a regular service, Town maintenance having priority, a letter was sent to you on the 22nd. Jan. asking what Government intended to do as regards equipment. No reply has been received.

A meeting of the Stanley Fire Brigade was held on the 1st. March, Fire Fighting in connection with the regular weekly Air Service was discussed, the Chairman asked the Supt. of the Fire Brigade his views on the subject.

Mr. Clapp replied that he thought Council would be asked by Government that the Foam Firefly landrover be available to meet the planes using the temporary Air Strip.

To date Council have not been informed of any plans, but maybe provision has already been made, and the necessary equipment here in the Colony from the Argentine ready for use in an emergency.

With the opening of the Air Strip less than three weeks away, Council feel rather concerned about the matter.

Yours faithfully,

K. G. Bantzen
Town Clerk.

To me ends ✓

McPherson

Reply at 210

27th October

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Dear Madam,

Please refer to your letter of 11th October concerning the provision of fire services for the airfield.

2. I have now been able to discuss this matter with Mr. Clapp, the Superintendent of the fire brigade, and he does not feel that, as long as there is only a single flight each week, this will present any great problem.

3. It is therefore proposed to ask the Town Council's cooperation in making available the Foam Firefly Landrover to attend at the airfield when a plane is expected. A portion of this vehicle's purchase price was in any event provided by the government. Mr. McPhie, the deputy Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, will be placed in charge of the vehicle when it is required at the airfield and the other members of the crew will all be found from amongst government officers. The running costs of attendance at the airfield by the firefly will be met from government funds.

4. I would be grateful if you would seek the Town Council's approval for this.

5. Should there be a fire in Stanley when the Foam Firefly is at the airfield, Mr. Clapp assures me that there is ample reserve capacity in the form of the second firefly to meet most needs. The airfield will anyway be on the telephone and in an emergency the Foam Firefly could be recalled.

Yours faithfully,

(T. H. Layng)
CHIEF SECRETARY

The Town Clerk,
STANLEY.

cc: Superintendent, Public Works
Mr. E. C. J. Clapp

HRT.

Stanley,
30th October, 1972.



The Chairman,
Town Council,
STANLEY.

Dear Mr. Chairman,

As the question of Fire-fighting Facility at the temporary airstrip is sure to arise soon, I would like to express my views on paper to you.

I sense in various quarters a resistance to the Stanley Fire Brigade or Stanley Town Council, providing any facility to the strip should it be asked for. I personally feel this resistance, if it in fact exists, entirely misguided. I'm sure the dependents of any passengers arriving or departing by aircraft operating from the strip will welcome and, to a certain extent, be assured by, the sight of the fire fighting facility.

The basic requirement of a facility at the strip is a Foam Unit capable of delivering at any part of the strip or immediate countryside, obviously the Firefly Foam Tender has such capabilities and therefore should be the facility.

The Firefly was, I understand, purchased by equal Town Council and F.I. Government donations, it seems to me therefore that F.I. Government have, to a certain extent, the right (?) to ask it be made available for short period meetings of aircraft. I think refusal of such a request would be short-sighted and niggardly.

I do not feel Government has the right to expect volunteer Brigade members to man the vehicle during strip activity. Government should provide a crew of 4 capable men from its own staff. I would expect Mr. Pat McPhee to be in charge of such a party and feel Council has a right to insist that he be so. Mr. Pat McPhee is of course a Government employee. I am willing to train a Government crew in the rudiments of Firefly operations if necessary and if Council agrees.

I feel that as strip operations are outside of the towns normal road operations of the Firefly, Government should be made aware that any damage caused by camp work during strip operations will have to be made good at their expense.

The question in bound to be asked "What about fire in Stanley during strip operations". We still have available in Stanley one Firefly and three pumps plus the tender lorry. Should we have a fire requiring foam application we have backpack foam sets available. I will normally be in town to carry out the necessary supervision and I feel there need be no reservations on the whole question.

I personally feel Government are being very lethargic in not raising the question before now and it may be that they will not ask for facility as descri here. I do however believe they will, albeit at the last moment.

I have made three copies in case you require to pass the contents of the letter on to Government or to any other persons.

I am, Sir,

E.C.J. Clapp,
Superintendent,
Stanley Volunteer Fire Brigade

15th February

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Dear Madam,

Please refer to your letter of 6th February under cover of which you sent me a copy of a letter from Mr. Clapp concerning the future arrangements for the Stanley Fire Brigade.

2. It is not envisaged that there will be any major change in what is considered a very efficient service. The changeover, however, is not timed to take place until the end of June and the matter has not yet been considered in detail. If Mr. Clapp has any proposals or suggestions, they will be welcomed and considered along with the report of the O and M expert.

3. For ease of referonce, I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Clapp.

Yours faithfully,


(T. H. Layng)
CHIEF SECRETARY

The Town Clerk,
Stanley.

cc: OI/c British Antarctic Survey Mr. E. C. J. Clapp.

Stanley,
31st January 1973.

The Chairman,
Town Council,
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to enquire as to the future of the Stanley Volunteer Fire Brigade as affected, if at all, by the proposed dissolution of the Town Council in June.

I would request answers to the following specific points:-

- 1) Superintendent Fire Brigade
 - A. Will the post continue?
 - B. If so to whom is the Superintendent responsible?
 - C. If the post continues will it bear the small financial remuneration as now?

- 2) Assistant Superintendent
 - A. Will the post continue?
 - B. If so will it bear the small financial remuneration as now?

- 3) Pump Captains
 - A. Will their posts bear the small financial remunerations as now?

- 4) Handyman
 - A. Will this post continue?
 - B. If so will it bear the same appointment terms and salary?

I am particularly concerned about the Assistant Superintendent and the Handyman. I would sincerely hope the fact that the Assistant Superintendent is already a Government employee would not affect the financial remuneration, I do not personally feel Mr. McPhee's present salary covers the Fire Brigade activities especially with respect to the chimney fire duties which normally take place outside of working hours.

As regards to the Handyman, I can foresee some stumbling blocks if it were intended that Fire Brigade "Handy" work be carried out by P.W.D. Apart from the routine inspection and maintenance of the equipment (other than the pumps and Fireflies) the Handyman is often called upon to make immediate repairs to boxes, hoses, etc. With the present apparent pressure upon the P.W.D. labour force, I could not anticipate the present satisfactory arrangement continuing.

(Sgd) E. C. J. Clapp,
Superintendent, Stanley Fire Brigade

Chief Secretary
For info.



STANLEY FIRE BRIGADE

Superintendent: E.C.J. Clapp

Duties: General administration of Brigade. Ensure equipment serviceable and advantageously placed. At scene of fire, to take overall command of all firefighting activities.

Assistant Superintendent: P. McPhee

Duties: To assist as required, to take over if Superintendent is absent. At scene of fire to particularly direct the hose and nozzle crews as required or as Superintendent instructs.

Standby Assistant: J. Alazia

Handyman: D. Hewitt

Duties: To maintain equipment as required or as directed by Superintendent.

Firefly No. 1 Unit Crew - Stationed at German Camp:

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- Whitney, W. Captain/Driver
- McAskill, J. Tank/Assistant Driver
- Betts, F. Hose No. 1
- Hewitt, D. Hose No. 2
- Stewart, R. Hose No. 3 and Nozzle

Duties: On general alarm, both drivers proceed to station. The first to arrive takes vehicle immediately to scene of fire and supplies pressure to hoses requiring. Remainder of unit are to proceed independently to the unit at the scene of the fire and NOT (R) NOT to the Firefly Station unless they are certain of arriving before the Firefly leaves.

Breathing Unit:

- Dobbys, T. No. 1
- Watson, N. No. 2
- Whitney, F. Dresser

One Salvason Unit is kept at the Central Station, one is kept in Firefly Unit No. 1. Dobbys to collect unit from Central Station. No. 2 and Dresser are to proceed independently to scene of fire and report to the Superintendent.

Firefly No. 2 (Foam/Water) Unit Crew - Stationed at Central Station:

L18 pa

- P. Johnson Captain/Driver
- Reive, F. Assistant Driver
- Morrison, W. Hose No. 1
- Goodwin, R. Hose No. 2
- Short, C. Nozzle and Foam branch

Duties: On general alarm both drivers proceed to station. The first to arrive takes vehicle immediately to scene of fire and supplies pressure to hoses requiring. Remainder of Unit are to proceed independently to the unit at the scene of the fire and NOT (R) NOT to Firefly Station unless they are certain of arriving there before the Firefly leaves.

Central Station Pump No. 1 Crew:

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Summers, P.G.	Captain
Clarke, M.	Pump Driver
Short, P.	Pump Assistant
Ford, B.	Hose No. 1
Bowles, W.	Hose No. 2
Summers, Owen	Hose No. 3
Whitney, P.	Nozzle

Duties: On general alarm crew to report to Central Station. When sufficiently crewed, pump to proceed to the reservoir or beach nearest to the scene of the fire. Run hoses and provide pressure.

Captain	Overall charge
Pump Driver	Start pump, raise pressure, ensure petrol tank kept full, etc.
Pump Assistant	Act as Driver if Clarke absent. Otherwise lay suction hoses, hose arches, Y pipes, etc., and generally assist in pump crew.
Hose No. 1	Act as Pump Assistant in Clarke's absence, (lay suction hoses, hose arches, etc.). Otherwise act as for Hose men.
Hose Men	Lay hoses as required and as instructed. Generally assist as required.
Nozzle Men	Lay and direct jets as required.

Lorry Crew:

Summers, Keith	Driver
Pettersson, T.	Assistant

Duties: On general alarm crew report to Captain Pump No. 1 at Central Station. Proceed with pump to reservoir or beach nearest to scene of fire. Run hoses towards scene of fire. Lorry assistant to ensure hoses run smoothly and hand out salvage gear as required.

East Station Pump No. 2 Crew:

115 PA

Summers, Ken	Captain
Poole, W.	Pump Driver
Betts, G.	Pump Assistant
Clarke, T.	Hose No. 1
Harris, L.	Hose No. 3
Cantlie, W.	Nozzle
Cantlie, I.	Nozzle

Duties: On general alarm crew to report to East Station. Bring pump out of garage and connect to tow. Captain to check phone working. Driver to check engine firing.

CREW TO REMAIN AT EAST STATION UNTIL INSTRUCTED BY SUPERINTENDENT AS TO WHERE PUMP IS REQUIRED TO RAISE PRESSURE FROM.

Captain	Overall charge
Pump Driver	Start pump, raise pressure, ensure petrol tank kept full, etc.
Pump Assistant	Act as Driver if Poole absent. Otherwise lay suction hoses, hose arches, Y pipes, etc., and generally assist in pump crew.
Hose No. 1	Act as Pump Assistant in Poole's absence (lay suction hoses, hose arches, etc.). Otherwise act as for Hose men.
Hose Men	Lay hoses as required and as instructed. Generally assist as required.
Nozzle Men	Lay and direct jets as required.

Hydrant Crew:

No. 1:

Ford, W.
Butler, L.
Butcher, M.

No. 2:

Shorey, B.
Summers, Michael
Clarke, I.

Duties: Proceed to scene of fire and immediately run hoses from nearest Hydrant as follows:

No. 1 Crew run hoses and nozzles to fire.
No. 2 Crew run hoses to replenish Firefly tank.

Demolition and Salvage Crew:

Allan, C.
Campbell, I.T.
Biggs, A.R.
Blackley, C.

Duties: On general alarm sounding proceed direct to scene of fire. On arrival remain in group until Superintendent issues necessary orders. Demolition tools, belts and axes etc., are kept in lorry.

Radios:

King, V.T.

Duties: Collect radios from Fireflies and deliver them to Pumps. Return and stay by Superintendent to relay instructions.

Should any member be unable to continue as a Volunteer, or not wish to continue as a Volunteer, could he please advise the Superintendent as soon as possible.

FEBRUARY, 1973.

No. _____

MEMORANDUM

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

March 23rd, 19 73.

TO: Superintendent of Stanley Fire Brigade,
c.c. Chief Secretary.

FROM: Superintendent of Works.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:-

Dear Sir,

Your request for improved accommodation for the Fire Brigade use is in my opinion not only reasonable but overdue. It is in the public interest that you should be in a position to control and maintain an efficient brigade.

I am therefore proposing that you ^{are} ~~be~~ allocated the vacant ex Handymans, immigration, shed in the government dockyard, it has all the necessary facilities, including a phone, and because FWD are so closely associated with the Brigade it is appropriate the Brigade centre should be in the dockyard area.

St. Loya
.....
Superintendent of Works.



Stanley.

22nd March, 1973.

Mr. T. W. Royans,
Superintendent,
Public Works Department,
Stanley.



Dear Sir,

Fire Brigade administration, although not onerous, necessitates a cumbersome amount of pamphlets, books, training manuals and town plans showing hydrant positions etc. All these are kept in various drawers at my house and at times this arrangement proves inconvenient.

I also have another problem in that spares for our modern equipment is tucked away in an old cupboard at the Central Station. This is unsatisfactory to me.

I wonder, with all the recent changes going on round Stanley, if by any chance a small building or office has become vacant that I could convert into a permanent Fire Brigade office thereby centralising the various F.B. dealings. I need nothing pretentious, just a space where I can store a small amount of spares, hang a few charts or plans and rack books and pamphlets.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "S. P. S. Bluff".

SUPERINTENDENT, STANLEY FIRE BRIGADE.

ECJC/NC.

MEMORANDUM

Reference 019.....

Date March 23rd, 1973.....

From Superintendent of Works.

To Chief Secretary.

STANLEY FIRE BRIGADE.

It is a fact that the Brigade have no centre in which they can assemble, all they possess is three scattered garages in which are housed their vehicles and equipment, I cannot see how they can possibly get organised without a Brigade centre however humble it may be.

There are quite a few good reasons why I recommend the vacant hut, 'ex handymans' situated in the dockyard be allocated to them, such as.

- (A) It is already the assembly area for all other emergencies.
- (B) With the exit of the Town Council it is as well to start off on the correct footing by rubbing out the feeling of insecurity which exists at the moment.
- (C) The Brigade is almost 100 per cent FWD personnel who are right on the spot should an emergency occur.
- (D) The workshops are handy for maintenance and repair of their vehicles and equipment.
- (E) You may wish to consider having at least a representative of the Brigade on hand in all other emergencies other than fire, (a phone is already installed in the hut).
- (F) On completion of the permanent airfield, an independent and direct link with Stanley, although perhaps not paramount, would be adviseable.

Letter from the Superintendent Fire Brigade attached.

Shroyane

 Superintendent of Works.

TNC/33/1

14th May 1973

Chief Secretary

Superintendent, Public Works

217 Stanley Fire Brigade

I refer to your memorandum 019 of 23rd March 1973 and approve the allocation of the ex-handymen's hut to the Stanley Fire Brigade.

(D. R. Morrison)
for CHIEF SECRETARY

HRT.

Stanley,
6th June, 1973.

The Acting Chief Secretary,
Secretariat,
STANLEY.



Dear Sir,

With the intended assumption of Town Council responsibilities by Government may I raise the "operational" queries concerning the Fire Brigade.

SPW (1) To whom will the Superintendent be immediately responsible. At present the Superintendent is responsible to the Town Council Chairman who is also Chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee. This Committee sits "now and then" to settle any "major policy" points concerning Brigade Administration and Finance.

(2) What will be the Superintendents responsibilities. At present he is responsible for Fire Brigade administration and procedures, the upkeep and maintenance of equipment, fire boxes, ladders, etc., and the advice to ratepayers on fire prevention matters. He has no responsibility towards fire prevention in Government buildings as this comes under the auspice of Inspector Peck who is Government Fire Officer. The Superintendent has no responsibility towards the airstrip crash crews apart from the initial setting up and acquainting the crew in aircraft rescue.

(3) What will be the Boundary of the Volunteer Brigade activity. At present the Brigade operates only within the Town Council boundaries (but including ships at anchor) with exceptions being ESRO buildings and the Marine camp (on request).

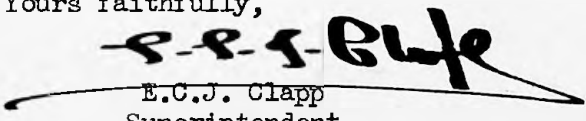
Camp fires are not the automatic responsibility of the Brigade and are dealt with by Brigade appliances only on request from the Police. Once such a request is made, the Superintendent decides what appliance can be allocated and what crews should be asked to volunteer.

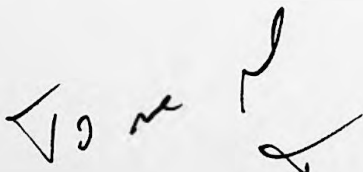
(4) Will appliance spares be held as now in the care of the Brigade or will they be transferred to, held and issued by Government Central Store.

(5) At present Town Council pays part rental on telephones hired by the Assistant Superintendent, Mr. P. McPhee, and Unit Captains. There is at present, no payment towards the Superintendents telephone as it is part paid for by his parent organisation. Council do however pay for two extension bells.

I understand there will be no Government concession telephone rates. Whilst this could possibly be acceptable towards Unit Captains consideration I am particularly concerned about the Assistant Superintendent. Both he and the Superintendent are the active "chimney fire" Unit. If Mr. McPhee discontinues telephone installation due to high rental costs, I can foresee problems and delays to chimney fire attendance. 75% of our chimney fires occur during the early or late evening.

Yours faithfully,


E.C.J. Clapp
Superintendent
Fire Brigade



Reply at 222

Ref: TNC/33/1

Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

25th June 1973.

Dear Sir,

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Please refer to your letter of 6th June concerning the day to day operation of the Fire Brigade after July 1st.

2. We discussed the points you raised and agreed as follows:-

1. The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade will be responsible to the Chief Secretary through the Superintendent of Public Works.

2. He will be responsible for Fire Brigade administration and procedures, the upkeep and maintenance of equipment, fire boxes, ladders, etc. and for advice to Stanley town dwellers on fire prevention matters. He will also be Government Fire Officer in place of the Chief Police Officer, and be responsible for the operation of the fire tenders at the airfield.

3. The Fire Brigade will attend fires in buildings situated between the Marine camp in the West and the airfield in the East and in ships at anchor. Elsewhere it will operate at the discretion of the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade following a request from the Police.

4. Appliance spares will be kept in the Government Central Store, but a stock of ready use spares will be held at fire stations as necessary.

5. Please arrange with the Superintendent of Public Works for the issue of any Public Notice which you may feel necessary to inform the public of the new arrangements.

Yours faithfully,

(T. H. Layng)
ACTING GOVERNOR

E. C. J. Clapp, Esq.,
c/o British Antarctic Survey,
Stanley.

cc: Supt. of Public Works.
Chief Police Officer.
Supplies Officer.

HRT.

MEMORANDUM

Reference STAFF/P.W.D.

Date 29th January 1975

From Superintendent of Public Works

To Chief Secretary



STAFF - STANLEY FIRE BRIGADE/PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Pat McPhee is normally employed as a mechanic in the Public Works Department in a pensionable and permanent post. He is also Assistant Superintendent of the Stanley Fire Brigade, and he has been offered the position of Superintendent of the Stanley Fire Brigade when Mr. Ted Clapp relinquishes the post in the not too distant future. Mr. McPhee does not undernormal conditions work on PWD at week-ends.

When aircraft take off or land at the Air Terminal it is necessary for the Fire Brigade to be in attendance. Mr. McPhee drives the fire engines as well as his other Fire Brigade duties. The other men on duty with the Fire Brigade at the Air Terminal at week-ends are on hourly pay, and are paid for their respective times at the enhanced rate for overtime working., but Mr. McPhee (being in a P & P post) accumulates time-in-lieu instead. The time - in - lieu being taken from the time that he should normally be on duty as a mechanic in the the PWD.

He has recently taken 40 hours time-in-lieu off his normal mechanic's duties, because of time accrued whilst he has been on fire duties at week-ends at the Air Terminal., and he still has another 30 due to him at the present time. His accrued time at the Air Terminal at week-ends is 'paid off' at single hour-for-hour basis., during the normal PWD working week.

Mr. McPhee has stated to me that the time he spends with the Fire Brigade at the Air Terminal on a Saturday, or a Sunday, precludes him from taking, or going with his family anywhere until after his fire service duties are ended., and that in fact it spoils the rest of the day for him, and presumably his family too.

Is there any avenue through which Mr. McPhee can be paid in cash for his week-end duties with Stanley Fire Brigade at the Air Terminal, or else can he accrue time-in-lieu at enhanced ~~enhanced~~ rates - comparable with the rate differential between the flat and overtime service rates of pay of the hourly paid members of the fire ~~service~~ at Hookers' Point at week-ends ?

B. Turner,

SPW.

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Received 20/3/75

Stanley,
19th March, 1975



Chief Secretary,
Secretariat,
STANLEY.

Dear Sir,

We spoke upon the matter of Fire Brigade Administration and under this letter I would like to raise one or two points:-

2. Superintendent: Mr. Pat McPhee has once again reversed his decision to assume the responsibility of Superintendent. I understand from him that this latest reversion is due to dissatisfaction (legitimate) over his recompensation for crash tender duties and the question of official phones. Both these subjects will be raised later in this letter. I believe however, the real reasoning behind the reversal is the very common one in the Falklands of unwillingness to assume responsibility, McPhee is also hampered to a certain extent by backwardness in both reading and writing, he is I know worried about the amount of oil fire hazards gradually building up in Stanley and his inadequate knowledge concerning these. Arrangements are being made for him to visit various fire fighting establishments in Argentina but he now tells me he does not wish to attend, - a little probing brings out circumstances whereby various "friends" have indicated that by attending such a course in Argentina he is letting the patriotic side down. All satisfactory attempts to persuade him to ignore these comments will, I am afraid, be of a temporary nature only.
3. Let me make it very plain that McPhee is so well versed in fire fighting of a general nature in town as to be invaluable to the Fire Brigade, and from the purely practical point of view, is the ideal Superintendent, - he is hard working and extremely conscientious. He is at the moment torn between a desire to remain and help in the Brigade, to which he has been so long attached, and the dissatisfaction over compensation for airfield time, official phones, plus various aspects of Government policy, (YPF agreement, free electricity for YPF, free water for Johnstons, etc.).
4. I am afraid the only solution I can see to the problem is that the administration structure of the volunteer Fire Brigade be changed to a more direct administrative control responsibility by the Superintendent of Public Works. I would imagine the Superintendent Public Works being the person to provide the necessary indenting, report writing, negotiations, brigade re-organisations, etc., with McPhee as the pure practical fire fighter supported by an Assistant. If you were to seriously consider such a structure I would recommend that McPhee be paid the present salary of a Superintendent, and his Assistant the salary of Assistant Superintendent. The only alternative to this is, if McPhee insists upon his decision not to act as complete Superintendent, to appoint a completely new active Superintendent, but such a person would have to be one that McPhee can work with. I have got along extremely well with McPhee, we have never had a break up of relationship and as a fire fighting team we have, I feel, been successful. He does however, rub people up the wrong way and tends to take the little adverse criticism or incidents to heart and magnify them out of proportion. I have spent quite a bit of time smoothing down the persons who have been ruffled by McPhee.
5. Airport Crash Tender: McPhee's dissatisfaction on this particular duty is, I consider, legitimate. McPhee, along with two helpers, attends as part of his Government work duties, all arrivals and departure of the F.27. This involves a lot of weekend work and Monday lunchtime work, and indeed an attendance from 11 in the morning until 3 or later in the afternoon is generally experienced. For this his hourly paid assistants (Allan and Jones) receive overtime rates but McPhee receives only "time off in lieu". This "time off" calculation is worked upon the hours of attendance at the airfield, ie, if he attends the airfield on a Sunday from 11 until 3, he enjoys 4 hours time off. I feel this is wrong as attendance from 11 to 3 on a Sunday really means that the whole day is spoilt for him and, if the time off principle is to continue, he should be allowed the whole day

in compensation for the day broken into. I presented this argument to the Superintendent of Public Works over two months ago, but to date there has been no satisfaction. I also presented to the S.P.W. my feelings that instead of time off in lieu, a system of financial recompensation should be introduced. I understand from my conversation to you, that the matter is in fact now before EXCO and I sincerely hope it can be brought to a satisfactory conclusion thus dispelling one source of dissatisfaction to McPhee.

6 Official Phones: This is a matter that has rankled McPhee ever since the cessation of official phones. I know it is essential for both the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent to be connected to the telephone. The Superintendent, or in his absence, the Assistant Superintendent, is the prime authority for deciding on fire alarm issue. It is to the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent that alarms for chimney fires, hedge fires, grass fires, etc., are made, and you can imagine the confusion and dangers that could arise should neither one of them have a telephone connected. I receive many telephone calls during a week specifically concerning Fire Brigade activities, ranging from fires, chimney fires, etc., to advice from Brigade members that they are ill or to be away in camp and cannot attend fire alarms, permission to take pumps or tenders out of immediate availability condition in order to carry out routine servicing, requests to borrow hose for ship watering or specific P.W.D. activities, etc., on most of these calls I contact McPhee by phone to either call him to assist or issue instructions.

7. I strongly request that either McPhee be regranted the official phone concession rate or his Assistant Superintendent salary be increased to cover the half cost of phone rental.

8. I would finally like to report that, at the present date, all pumps and tenders are in efficient working condition, apart from one or two new arrivals all pump crews know what they are to do. Some bringing up to date of crews is necessary due to departures, old age, etc., and the Fire Brigade Inventory needs to be finalised. All this will be done before I turn over the Brigade to my successor.

E.C.J. Clapp
Superintendent,
Stanley Fire Brigade.